

Jennings County Commissioner Meeting  
April 25, 2019 6:30PM

All members were present.

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge.

Nathan Smith with Eagle Point Technology was first on the agenda. He presented the 2019 contract between Jennings County and Eagle Point Technology. Nathan proposes no changes to the contract from last year. Matt Sporleder was concerned about the price of \$150,000 being different from last year. Bob Willhite made a motion to table signing the contract until the next meeting when the price could be confirmed. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Next, Sheriff Freeman presented the Commissioners with a chart showing the hours of investigation, prior to the first 48, on a previous case. The chart shows the amount of hours each employee spent on the investigation. Sheriff Freeman stated that the jail staff was helping with the investigation because of the shortage of employees. He then brought up the desire to hire two more employees for the jail. After much discussion, Matt Sporleder suggested Sheriff Freeman speak to the council members individually to understand their concerns of the current budget.

Next on the agenda was Jim Reeves with the County Highway. Jim was requesting signatures on an agreement with FPBH for the CCMG bids. Bob Willhite made a motion to sign the proposal for engineering services from FPBH for a cost not to exceed \$12,400. The projects total for CCMG is \$1,325,637. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Jim also brought forth the bids for ADA work. The bids were for ADA work on the Government Annex building as well as the Probation building. Two bids were received. Woodall's bid totaled \$64,433. Dave O'Mara's bid totaled \$87,900. Bob Willhite made a motion to send Woodall's bid to council for funding. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Jim's last order of business was a request to move money from part-time to full-time position. Jim stated that he needs another full time person until the end of the year and will adjust his budget accordingly for the next year. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow Jim to move from part-time to full-time to hire another person. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Matt Sporleder then spoke on the Treasurer's previous employee's comp and vacation time. This was tabled from the previous meeting. The total amount of time was 8 hours vacation and 60 hours comp time. After much discussion, Bob Willhite made a motion to table the decision. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Next, Animal Control asked for permission to hire for a part-time kennel tech employee. There would be no change in their budget. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow Animal Control to hire. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve prior minutes. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign payroll and claims. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

After some research, Ellie Bright found that the employee handbook stated non-exempt employees do receive comp time. Going back to the previous discussion on paying out the Treasurer's employee's time, Bob Willhite made a motion to approve the pay out the time, contingent upon Council funding. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Bob Willhite made a motion to change the handbook to state that anyone who is not an elected official is eligible to receive comp time, effective now. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

County Attorney Ellie Bright spoke on the conflict of interest concerning Woodall's bid for the ADA work. She stated that Dave Woodall would need to fill out another conflict of interest that specifies the details of the contract. This would need to be submitted within 15 days of the signed contract to the State Board of Accounts and the Jennings County Clerk's Office.

Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.



Tessia Salsman, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, Commissioner President



Robert Willhite, Commissioner Vice-President



Dave Lane, Commissioner